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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Gulf Bureau--September 1985

I. GENERAL

STAT [redacted] conducted the IBM-PC training course at Gulf Bureau from 31 August to 11 September, and the program proved both successful and popular with employees. Eight staff and non-staff employees took part in the general part of the course, which was divided into morning and afternoon sessions; they were deputy chief [redacted] editors [redacted] and [redacted] administrative assistant [redacted] commo supervisor [redacted] chief monitor [redacted] and monitor section heads [redacted] Engineer [redacted] who had already taken the training program on his previous assignment in Abidjan, sat in on sessions of interest to him. Later in the program, each participant was given additional instruction on specific applications relevant to his/her particular duties. At the end of the program, [redacted] [redacted] was assigned the duties of system manager.

Several functions have already been implemented, including the new monthly non-staff personnel report format, the staff personnel report, and the bureau inventory. Because of the ease with which internal memoranda are now being churned out on the word processor, the bureau chief is considering removal of all Multimate software to some place of inaccessible storage.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. The Soviet Union made a major inroad into the Gulf Region when on 26 September TASS announced that the USSR and Oman would establish diplomatic relations. Omani sources were immediately checked for reports on this decision; however, no such reports had been monitored and a negative FYI was filed. Later in the evening that same day, Muscat was monitored to report on the decision to establish relations. Oman thus becomes the second GCC state to establish relations with the USSR following Kuwait.

2. On 28 and 29 September, Gulf Bureau assumed coverage of the Khartoum SUNA in Arabic 1700-1800 newscast due to poor reception at Jordan Bureau. In view of a reported fresh coup attempt, high priority was given to backstopping SUNA, with numerous items being processed, including several immediate precedence items on the imposition of a curfew in Khartoum, and the premier's revelation of a plot to assassinate Sudanese leaders.

B. SPECIAL SERVICES

1. At the request of an embassy consumer, the bureau requested London Bureau's assistance in obtaining an Iranian publication -- the magazine AL-JIHAD of 9 September -- and processing an article on the death of a prominent Shi'ite Muslim figure in a traffic accident in Bahrain. The publication was located and processed by London, for which the consumer was very grateful. The consumer has asked that additional sample copies of AL-JIHAD be pouched from London.

2. At the request of Liaison, the bureau prepared approximately 6 hours of recordings of Pashto/Dari. The tapes were forwarded to Liaison.

C. COMMUNICATIONS

1. At the end of August, the bureau began experiencing outage problems with its primary incoming/outgoing landline communications circuit. For the better part of two weeks the line between the bureau and the embassy was dead, with the bureau resorting to use its back-up microwave system. Exhaustive efforts were made by the bureau engineer, along with the embassy's TCU staff and repairmen from the Bahrain Telephone Company, to locate the source of the outage. In the final analysis, the problems appeared to be numerous. It was determined that the telephone company had been working on their lines and may have affected our line; the bureau's in-house commo circuit wiring was faulty and needed to be worked on; and the two telegraph convertor units supplied by the telephone company were found to be faulty. The problems were finally sorted out and the bureau's primary landline circuit was restored on 10 September.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

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1. EOD authorization for [redacted] a new Arabic monitor, was received during the month. [redacted] who comes to FBIS after a career in the Royal Jordanian Air Force, is expected to EOD on 13 October and will bring the Arabic section and bureau up to full T/O.

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2. Five employees received PSIs in September. They are [redacted]
[redacted] Arabic monitor; [redacted] Arabic/Russian
monitor; [redacted] Persian monitor; and [redacted]
[redacted] both senior commo operators.

B. Building and Grounds

Discussions with the bureau's landlord were begun concerning rental of additional space on the ground floor of the building. At present, the bureau's emergency power generator is housed in an extremely small room lacking adequate ventilation. The bureau hopes to rent an adjacent room, which is currently vacant, both for the generator and to provide additional storage space.

IV. VISITS

A. To the Bureau

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1. [redacted] 30 Aug-12 Sep, to conduct the IBM-PC training course.

2. Ambassador Donald C. Leidel, 22 Sep, for an inspection tour of the bureau and update on operations, and to meet the newly assigned staff employees.

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3. [redacted] Headquarters personnel officer, 30 Sep, to brief staff employees on personnel matters, primarily those affecting pay, retirement, and insurance benefits.

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Bureau chief [redacted] made an introductory visit to information minister of Bahrain, Mr. Tariq Almoayed, on 2 Sep, accompanied by charge d'affaires Larry Pope and the new PAO, Anne O'Leary.

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Chief, Gulf Bureau

ATT: Monthly Production Report

GULF BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1985I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH	:	242,310
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH	:	93,320
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH	:	683

	BROAD CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	15,810	13,740	191.5
(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)			

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

AFGHANISTAN

KABUL INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ARABIC	-0-
KABUL IN ENGLISH TO SOUTH ASIA	-0-

BAHRAIN

MANAMA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	-0-
MANAMA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	400
MANAMA TELEVISION SERVICE IN ARABIC	-0-
MANAMA WAKH IN ARABIC	12,070
MANAMA WAKH IN ENGLISH	11,340
MANAMA AKHBAR AL-KHALIJ IN ARABIC	760
MANAMA AL-ADWA' IN ARABIC	-0-
MANAMA AL-MAWAQIF IN ARABIC	-0-
MANAMA SADA AL-USBU'	340
MANAMA GULF DAILY NEWS IN ENGLISH	3,720
MANAMA GULF MIRROR IN ENGLISH	-0-

CLANDESTINE

(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ISLAMIC REVOLUTION OF AFGHANISTAN IN DARI	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ISLAMIC REVOLUTION OF AFGHANISTAN IN PASHTO	440
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF AL-AHVAZ REVOLUTION IN ARABIC	1,020

(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN BAH DINANI KURDISH	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI REVOLUTION IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) FREE VOICE OF IRAN IN PERSIAN	3,100
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF MOJAHEDIN-E KHALQ IN PERSIAN	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO NEJAT-E IRAN IN PERSIAN	4,790
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO IRAN IN PERSIAN	3,830

IRAN

TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ARABIC	16,520
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN ARABIC	950
TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN RUSSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN TURKISH	1,510
MASHHAD INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN DARI	220
TABRIZ INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN AZERI	690
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	11,570
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN BAH DINANI KURDISH	-0-
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN PERSIAN	590
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN ENGLISH	-0-
AHVAZ DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	1,670
BANDAR ABBAS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	110
BUSHEHR DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	160
ESFAHAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-
MASHHAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-
SHIRAZ DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	160
TABRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARMENIAN	-0-
TABRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE IN AZERI	-0-
ZAHEDAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN IRNA IN ARABIC	-0-
TEHRAN AL-SHAHID IN ARABIC	1,080
TEHRAN KEYHAN AL-'ARABI IN ARABIC	-0-
TEHRAN KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL IN ENGLISH	1,090
TEHRAN TEHRAN TIMES IN ENGLISH	-0-

TEHRAN ETTELA'AT IN PERSIAN	1,740
TEHRAN JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI IN PERSIAN	2,740
TEHRAN KEYHAN IN PERSIAN	2,430
TEHRAN KEYHAN HAVA'I IN PERSIAN	-0-

IRAQ

BAGHDAD TELEVISION SERVICE IN PERSIAN	540
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	460
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-
BAGHDAD TELEVISION SERVICE IN ARABIC	-0-

KUWAIT

KUWAIT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	-0-
KUWAIT TELEVISION SERVICE IN ARABIC	-0-
KUWAIT KUNA IN ARABIC	-0-
KUWAIT AL-ANBA'	
IN ARABIC	1,530
KUWAIT AL-HADAF IN ARABIC	-0-
KUWAIT AL-QABAS IN ARABIC	17,070
KUWAIT AL-RA'Y AL-'AMM IN ARABIC	3,320
KUWAIT AL-SIYASAH IN ARABIC	600
KUWAIT AL-WATAN IN ARABIC	2,930
KUWAIT ARAB TIMES IN ENGLISH	8,070

OMAN

MUSCAT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	3,160
SALALAH DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	1,060
MUSCAT 'UMAN IN ARABIC	-0-
MUSCAT 'UMMAN AL-USBU'I IN ARABIC	340
MUSCAT ONA IN ARABIC	-0-

PAKISTAN

ISLAMABAD THE MUSLIM IN ENGLISH	1,350
KARACHI DAWN IN ENGLISH	6,450
KARACHI JASARAT IN URDU	1,460
KARACHI MASHRIQ IN URDU	2,990

KARACHI NAWA-E WAQT IN URDU	960
LAHORE JANG IN URDU	840
RAWALPINDI HAIDAR IN URDU	2,580
RAWALPINDI PAKISTAN TIMES IN ENGLISH	1,760

QATAR

DOHA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	230
DOHA TELEVISION SERVICE IN ARABIC	200
DOHA QNA IN ARABIC	7,290

SAUDI ARABIA

JEDDAH DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	7,320
RIYADH DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	10,640
RIYADH TELEVISION SERVICE IN ARABIC	1,730
RIYADH TELEVISION SERVICE IN ENGLISH	-0-
RIYADH SPA IN ARABIC	15,470
AL-DAMMAM AL-YAWM IN ARABIC	-0-
JEDDAH AL-MADINAH IN ARABIC	-0-
RIYADH AL-RIYAD IN ARABIC	-0-

SUDAN

OMDURMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE** IN ARABIC	-0-
KHARTOUM SUNA IN ARABIC	2,550

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

MOSCOW IN PERSIAN TO IRAN	1,550
BAKU INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-
BAKU INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN AZERI	860
DUSHANBE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN UIGHUR	-0-
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN UZBEK	1,110
YEREVAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ARMENIAN	-0-
ALMA-ATA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN RUSSIAN	-0-

ASHKhabad DOMESTIC SERVICE IN RUSSIAN	350
BAKU DOMESTIC SERVICE IN AZERI	2,280
BAKU DOMESTIC SERVICE IN RUSSIAN	-0-
DUSHANBE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN RUSSIAN	260
TASHKENT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN RUSSIAN	490
TASHKENT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN UZBEK	6,270
YEREVAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARMENIAN	-0-
 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES -----	
ABU DHABI DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	430
DUBAYY DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	-0-
ABU DHABI WAM IN ARABIC	4,060
ABU DHABI AL-ITTIHAD IN ARABIC	2,700
ABU DHABI AL-ITTIHAD AL-USBU'I IN ARABIC	-0-
AL-SHARIQAH AL-KHALIJ IN ARABIC	1,650
DUBAYY AL-BAYAN IN ARABIC	80
DUBAYY KHALEEJ TIMES IN ENGLISH	2,450
 UNITED KINGDOM -----	
LONDON AL-MAJALIS IN ARABIC	-0-
LONDON ASGHAR AQA IN PERSIAN	-0-
LONDON KEYHAN IN PERSIAN	1,420
LONDON VOICE OF IRAN IN ENGLISH	-0-
 PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN (PDRY) -----	
ADEN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	12,680
ADEN VOICE OF PALESTINE IN ARABIC	3,340
ADEN ANA IN ARABIC	-0-
ADEN ANA IN ENGLISH	-0-
 YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC (YAR) -----	
SANA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	6,890
SANA VOICE OF PALESTINE IN ARABIC	5,500
SANA AL-THAWRAH IN ARABIC	-0-